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Tax talk doesn't tell whole story

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Taxation is an issue in most municipal election campaigns and this October's Minden Hills election is no different.

On her re-election website, Reeve Barb Reid takes a swipe at the fiscal management of the previous council, on which she served as Ward 2 councillor, in the promotion of her own financial stewardship.

"Total tax increases for the current four-year term (2010 to 2014) is +12.5 per cent," the site's homepage reads. "Let's not go back to what it was in 2006 to 2010 where the tax levy increased +32 per cent."

The township's records show that between 2006 and 2010, the tax levy did increase by approximately 30 per cent and by approximately 12 per cent between 2010 and 2014.

However, the township's records also show that fluctuations in funding and billing from the province during these time periods played a role in these figures.

Each year the township receives equalization payments from the province through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) and a bill for its portion of its OPP costs.

During the previous term of council, there was a collective drop in the level of OMPF funding and an increase of 30 per cent in the township's OPP requisition.

During the current term, there was a col-

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Make It Minden



Highlands cottager Zoe Timberlake, 8, does her best impersonation of Wonder Woman running during the Farm Family Fun obstacle course on Wednesday, July 23 at the Minden Mercantile and Feed Co. Inc. in Minden. More on page 14. **Darren Lum** Staff

Gall to challenge Reid, Devolin for reeve's seat

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Another of Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid's former Vision Team members is challenging her for leadership of the township.

On July 24, Ward 1 Councillor Brigitte Gall withdrew her candidacy in the ward and added her name to the list of candidates for reeve.

She will take on Reid and Brent Devolin in what is now a three-way race.

"It's not a decision to be taken lightly," Gall told the paper, explaining it had been on her mind since January.

On Jan. 2, the first possible day to do so, both Reid and Devolin filed nomination papers.

"I thought I was going to wait and see what everybody's platform was," Gall said, explaining she wanted to see if those platforms aligned with her own goals and values.

In late May, Councillor-at-large Larry Clarke, another former Vision Team member, added his name to the reeve's race, but withdrew it June 30.

Since that time, Gall said she's been approached by people who said they weren't prepared to vote for either Reid or Devolin and so didn't plan to vote at all.

"To me, that was concerning," she said.

Gall said she wants to see a municipal structure where council and staff members work more collaboratively, including sitting down together at the beginning of the term to assess finances and set goals.

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Provincial funding changes gave MH a leg up over the last four years

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lective increase in the level of OMPF funding and a 10 per cent increase in the township's OPP requisition.

The township has no control over these funding levels and billing costs, which are determined by the province.

The township's records show that between 2006 and 2009, Minden Hills received no increase in its OMPF payments, with the amount remaining consistent at \$1,051,730 annually during those years.

The province cut Minden Hills's funding by \$67,430 in 2010, dropping its OMPF payments to \$984,300.

In 2011, during the first year of the current term, there was a \$40,000 increase in OMPF payments, bringing the total to \$1,025,200. There was another increase of \$50,000 in 2012, followed by a dip of \$31,000 in 2013, bringing the total to \$1,044,400.

There was a \$220,200 surge in 2014, bringing the township's OMPF payments to \$1,264,600.

Minden Hills's policing costs grew by three times as much between 2006 and 2010 as they did between 2010 and 2014.

In 2006, its policing requisition was \$831,828, growing to \$900,348 in 2007. It increased to \$938,580 in 2008 and to \$1.014, 828 in 2009. In 2010, the OPP bill increased by another 8.96 per cent, bringing it to \$1,105,800.

During the current council term, Minden Hills's policing requisition has grown by 10 per cent. It increased by 0.73

per cent in 2011 to \$1,113,924. It grew to \$1,177,236 in 2012, \$1,194,060 in 2013 and to \$1,221,365 for 2014.

The township's OPP bill equates to roughly a fifth of its overall tax levy, which for 2014 was approximately \$5.9 million.

"My website talks about taxes collected during this term of council compared to the previous term and the percentage differences," Reid wrote in an email to the paper. "These numbers were supplied to me by [treasurer] Lorrie Blanchard. There are hundreds of line items that make up municipal revenue and expenses and these change from year to year. The important thing is how much money, at the bottom line, do we need to get from taxpayers to meet our obligations. This is the tax levy (the result of MPAC assessment times the tax rate)."

Reid also pointed to an \$800,000 deficit the township racked up in 2008. The largest tax increase of the previous term came in 2009, at 13.65 per cent.

According to the township's treasurer, of that \$308,000 deficit, policing cost increases represented \$90,000; unbudgeted seasonal wages and benefits in the parks department \$70,000; \$30,000 in building permit fees that were not realized; an \$18,000 audit fee that was never accrued; \$15,000 in hydro; \$35,000 more in wages; and \$50,000 in miscellaneous costs including winter maintenance, legal costs and overtime.

Changes made in last three years need review, Gall says

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"We didn't sit down with our staff and do that [at the beginning of this term]," she said.

Gall said she wanted councillors to be more readily supplied with information for decision-making to be a more inclusive process.

This means giving more say back to members of the community.

Gall said it became clear near the beginning of the term that recommendations made by citizens on the township's advisory committees were not being passed up the chain.

"They weren't making their way to council," she said, adding that she had a number of "heated conversations" with the reeve about it. "I was extremely frustrated by that."

Near the beginning of the term, the councillors that had comprised Reid's Vision 2010 slate voted 4-3 to remove citizens as the chairpersons of advisory committees, replacing them with councillors.

They also changed policies related to staffing, including Policy 28, giving councillors opportunity for input on performance appraisals for department heads.

Gall said these and other changes to policy made during the past three and half years need to be revisited.

"Advisory committees of council are chaired by a member of council and it is the council member's job to ensure that recommendations are brought forward, through staff to council in a timely manner," Reid told the Times in response to Gall's comments. "It's hard to understand why our July 24 council agenda included minutes from committee meetings that Councillor Gall chairs that took place last January, February and March. I look forward to campaigning against Brigitte in the coming months."

The Times asked Gall if she regretted being part of the Vision Team or if she felt she had been misled by Reid.

"It would be safe to say there is not one person in the world who has not made an error in judgment," she said.

Inclusiveness seems to be a main plank of her platform.

"It's not the reeve's job to make the decision," Gall said. "It is the reeve's job to set the table and bring everybody to the table so they can make that decision."

Gall said there needs to be a community discussion about the future of the community centre, including the possibility of a pool.

On July 25, former Anson, Hindon and Minden reeve Jeanne Anthon filed to run for a councillor seat in Ward 1. The ward has two seats and incumbent Councillor Lisa Schell is also running.

At press time, Larry Bullington was challenging Councillor Ken Redpath in Ward 2 and Councillor Jean Neville was the lone candidate in Ward 3.

Ron Nesbitt and Daryl Moore are running against one another for councillor-at-large and John Beattie and Rich Ashall are challenging Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch for her seat.

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All-terrain vehicles and other off-highway vehicles are motorized vehicles that require skill, good judgment and the proper use of helmets and other safety equipment to operate safely.

"Helmets are required by law and personal protective equipment can reduce the risk of serious injuries. Riders should remain vigilant of the ever changing terrain and operate their recreational vehicles within their personal capabilities," said chief superintendent John Tod, regional commander OPP central region

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Cultural centre fence plans change

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills township is changing the design of a fence it will be installing along Parkside Street at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Last month, councillors voted to construct a six-foot fence at the centre using horizontal planks.

"In that time . . . there were questions raised by the public . . . about the style of the fence and the size of the fence," Minden Hills Museum curator Darren Levstek told councillors at a July 24 meeting.

At the June meeting, Councillor Jean Neville had expressed concern the fence would prevent people from seeing the heritage buildings at the site, but Levstek had said gaps between the planks would still allow some visibility.

The fence had been designed to be consistent with the buildings, mimicking a style of fencing used in the late Victorian period.

The same will go for the new fence design.

Levstek said there were three basic types of fencing from the period – cedar rail, picket and privacy fencing.

"Picket fencing is completely unsafe," he said. "Cedar rail isn't going to provide us with what we need as far as gates are concerned."

The curator had visited Victorian homes in nearby com-

munities, looking at the types of period fencing skirting those properties.

His recommendation was to go with a five-foot privacy fence using posts and vertical boards.

Levstek pointed out there is a slight slope downward from Parkside Street to the property and said a five-foot fence should be low enough to see over, yet high enough to prevent people from climbing over.

The fence is being constructed as a result of people using the property in unwanted ways, including walking dogs and riding bicycles. It's also meant to prevent the number of people who access the centre's facilities without paying an admission fee.

Neville still thought the fence was too tall.

"I'm still concerned that it's too high," she said. "I'm five-foot-two."

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said it was important for the centre's heritage buildings, including a pioneer church, schoolhouse and homestead cabin, be visible from the road.

"If you're not from this area, you would have no idea what was behind that," she said.

Levstek assured councillors people would be able to see over and through the fence.

Lougheed Construction Services was contracted for the job after there were no responses to two tenders for the project.

Levstek said the company would be able complete the

new fence for roughly the same price as the first fence, at approximately \$11,000.

The pressure-treated wood will not be painted and, Levstek said, will grey with time to achieve consistency with the wood on the buildings.

Assistant hours increased

At last week's meeting, Levstek also requested that the hours for the museum's collections assistant be increased from 21 hours to 35 hours per week.

Levstek served as interim community services director for about nine months of the past year, returning to his regular capacity July 3.

This meant the collections assistant adopted a number of the curator's duties.

"As a result of this shift, the duties of the collections assistant were placed on hold, Levstek wrote in a report to council.

"Basically, we're nine months behind on collections duties," he told councillors.

Because his wage for nine months came from the community services director line of the township budget, Levstek said increasing hours for the assistant would not mean an overrun at the museum, which he said should still come in under budget for the year.



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The beauty of Atikokan, natural and manmade, is depicted in the work by local artist Wendy Wood, right, for *Adventures in Atikokan* showing at the Art Hive until Aug. 7. This exhibition is part of the Art Hive's Hand of the Maker series that highlights Art Hive members.

Solid show of Atikokan memories

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Standing in front of her paintings at the Art Hive it's easy to see the beauty of Atikokan.

Wendy Wood has always painted what was around her, whether it was the Highlands or where she raised two children, who are now adults, in the farming area of Brantford.

"This is what I saw every day so I wanted to paint it," she said, pointing to her 14 acrylic pieces (nine original and five prints) for her latest show *Adventures in Atikokan* on until Aug. 7 at the Hive.

Painting was her opportunity to relax and to escape the stress of work.

She painted on the weekends from the rented cottage on Perch Lake 20 kilometres west of Atikokan where she and her husband lived.

She appreciated the ruggedness of the area and hopes her show encourages viewers to "go explore."

The paintings depict landscapes she discovered on boating excursions and what she saw regularly while working in the ever-changing surroundings of the Atikokan Station Biomass Conversion Project as a site administration manager with her husband and 150 other employees, including just two other women.

"That's what I do. I paint. Even though I was working I wanted to paint it. I have to be in a spot a lot to paint what's there," she said. "The landscape up there was gorgeous."

Despite the obvious contrast between the natural and the man-made landscapes, there is a thread that runs truly in line, as there is a conveyance of beauty through the balance, line and colour presented by Wood's work.

She points to her acrylic painting *Steep Rock Mine* and said it was the "cesspool"

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Atikokan is like Minden without the Toronto influence.

— Wendy Wood

that was closed in 1985.

Without her characterization, a viewer could easily mistake the vibrant painting for an inviting lake, surrounded by cliffs.

The show, she laughs, was also motivated for selfish reasons of marketing her return.

"You know, I thought I'll get a little bit of advertising because I've been away and not on tour ... so, yay, I'm back," she said.

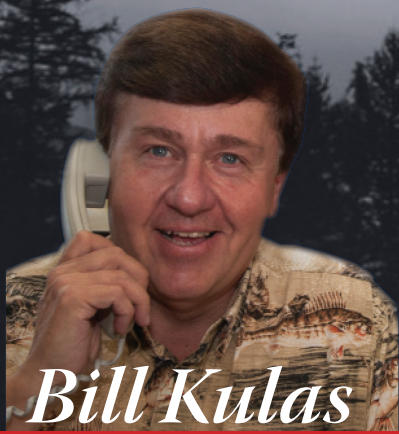
She speaks fondly about the two years she lived and worked in Atikokan, self-titled canoeing capital of Canada.

The idea to travel there came from her husband who invited her, as he was hired to work there initially.

She loved the quiet of the area, but missed this area for the proximity to family and friends, but also the convenience of being able to shop, as Thunder Bay or Fort Frances were the best options for shopping. It's amazing how busy this area seems in comparison, she said.

Wood said, "Atikokan is like Minden without the Toronto influence."

This exhibition is part of the Art Hive's Hand of the Maker series that showcases recent work of Art Hive artists.



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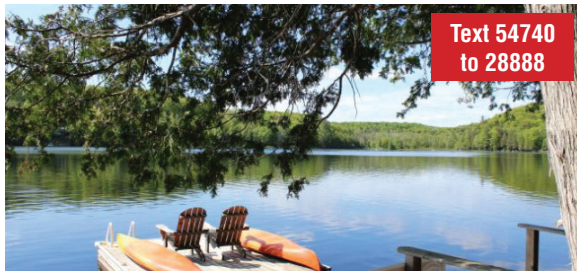
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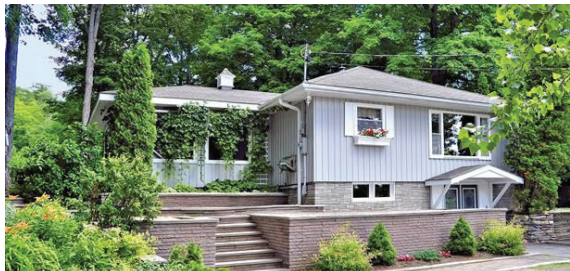
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letters to the editor

Taxes, transparency, fairy tales

To the Editor,

Reeve Reid's so-called fulfilled election promise to reduce taxes from a 32 per cent increase from 2006 to 2010 to just over a 12 per cent increase from 2011 to 2014 is due largely to the fairy tale magical mathematics of the Reeve and Ward 2 Councillor Ken Redpath. In fact it is not a promise fulfilled at all.

Let's be fair and honest Ms. Reid and Mr. Redpath and tell the taxpayers and voters of Minden Hills why. Let's compare apples to apples.

Let's tell the voters about the necessary budget overrun in the previous term of council in the roads department for snow removal and the need to spend those extra dollars to keep our roads open for local and seasonal residents alike.

Let's tell them about an increase in policing costs in the previous term of council (of which Ms Reid was a member) of approximately \$220,000 over four years. Tell the voters as well that there was no increase in the OMPF provincial grant from 2007 to 2009 and the decrease of \$67,000 of this same OMPF grant in 2010. These three added burdens plus two additional budget overruns, for which staff were disciplined, contributed largely to the additional extra costs.

She also knows that these added policing costs and OMPF shortfalls were and are outside of any council control. Yet as part of her re-election platform, she has failed to tell the voters this side of the story. Why? The answer is a no brainer.

Why too in her re-election campaign promotion material, has she failed to tell the voters that the increases in OMPF provincial grants to Minden Hills and lower policing increases over the last four years have greatly assisted in keeping tax increases at the 12.2 per cent?

The other side of the equation for 2011-2014 then, is that it hasn't been good management of your tax dollars by the reeve and Mr. Redpath; rather it has been lower increases in policing costs combined with grant increases from the province which has helped make the difference and provided the township with a surplus.

Possibly too, part of the answer in this purported massive difference in taxes is the so called 16 per cent reduction in staffing costs and benefits created through gapping and the failure to fill senior and middle management and front line staff in a timely and appropriate

manner. Regrettably not.

The purported 16 per cent savings have been negated by equal or greater costs for, among others, moving costs for an employee from British Columbia, internships, consulting fees, headhunters and legal fees in dealing with lawsuits against the township from terminated employees.

We have also yet to discover what out of court cost settlements have been for terminated employees (three at least) and whether or not we have paid for them directly through our tax dollars or through township insurance (for which we pay the premiums and the deductible) in each case. Only through the Freedom of Information Act do we have hope of learning what these costs have been.

In fact, when all the numbers are sorted out and the outside costs (policing and provincial grants) are removed from the numbers game, tax increases for 2007-2010 were similar with increases over the last four years.

Rather the question to be asked is why have the total increases over the last four years been as high as the 12.2 per cent touted by the reeve when policing cost increases have been lower and provincial grants higher during this term of council? Perhaps the answer really lies with all the unnecessary costs cited above.

The so-called fulfilled election promise by Ms. Reid is simply a fairy tale full of pixiedust.

So much for transparency, coming clean with the voters and the failure of this election promise; one unfulfilled promise among many over this last three plus years.

Let's hope the voters, both local and seasonal, to whom the reeve has been speaking about the supposed great job she has done with respect to keeping taxes low, recognize what really has and has not happened over the last 3.7 years and, as has happened to so many at the township, show her and Mr. Redpath the door in October. To borrow from Edward Langley, artist (1928-1995), "what this township needs is two unemployed politicians."

As far as the reeve flipping the bird on Canada Day to any citizen of MH or anyone else for that matter, an apology just doesn't cut it. Her actions were an insult to all taxpayers of Minden Hills. Ms Reid should do the honourable thing, resign now and save the voters the trouble of replacing her in October.

Peter Oyler
Minden Hills

Re: the reeve and Mr. Bradley

To the Editor,

I read Joan Shaddock's account of Canada Day in Minden and to be brief I would say her entire letter is as true as her accusation that I have the capacity to, or made any attempt to run.

I have offered to turn over the contents of my camera card for examination to both local papers and it is presently in the hands of one of them for verification. I did take over 250 pictures on Canada Day (all of them are posted on my Facebook page). I was not following the Reeve or getting into her personal space to take a picture and I have no such pictures.

I did at approximately 11:27 a.m. point my phone in the direction of the Reeve, she responded by giving me the finger, flipped me off, giving me the finger wave, flipped me the bird, giving me the rude finger or the one finger

salute, take your pick, immediately followed by her approaching me and telling me to "f*** off."

The reeve up to this point, as far as I know, has not denied what she did or what she said to me and she did apologize to council, Minden Hills staff and the community.

To quote Councillor Brigitte Gall, "I think this visual photograph encapsulates her approach to anyone who disagrees, whether that's on council or in the community."

This digitus manus movement that by the reeve's own account was a time when, "I let my heart take over my head."

Our Minden Hills needs a new head of council that can put the heart back into this community.

Richard Bradley
Moore Falls

Three's a crowd

CURIOUSER AND CURIOUSER.

In a flabbergasting manoeuvre living up to her surname, Minden Hills Ward 1 Councillor Brigitte Gall withdrew from the Ward 1 electoral race last week and hopped on the reeve's ballot.

For those keeping track at home, that's two former members of Reeve Barb Reid's Vision 2010 Team to deflect so far as to challenge her for the municipality's leadership.

The sheep are turning on the shepherd.

In the spring, Councillor Larry Clarke also filed for reeve, but withdrew that candidacy after just a month.

If Councillor Ken Redpath decides to turn his coat, we'd have a hat trick on our hands.

For most of the township's political observers, Gall's decision came as an extreme surprise.

It's certainly gutsy and will bring with it a number of challenges.

Gall has a lot of explaining to do to the people of Minden Hills. A lot of questions to answer.

Like, what was going through her mind between 2010 and 2013, for example?

Gall was a steadfast Reid disciple, one of the four key pillars of the uncompromising Vision Team which, as a monolith, passed a number of misguided and destructive policies during the first part of the term, giving council more influence than it should ever have had.

Citizens were removed as the chairpersons of advisory committees, replaced by councillors.

Gall said last week that recommendations from citizens were muzzled, not making their way to council, something she and the reeve had "heated conversations" about.

Policy 28, passed 4-3 by the members of the Vision slate to much protest from the rest of council, gave councillors the opportunity to provide feedback on the performance of department heads, an option they should never have been given.

It's council's job to set policy, not appraise staff.

Gall now says a number of policies need to be revisited. The irony must taste a wee bit bitter.

That she toed the Vision line so naively and blindly for so long will be a major hurdle with many voters.

That said, a number of people have told me they'll vote for Gall over the incumbent Reid and challenger Brent Devolin.

Some theorize that Gall's entry into the race – or the entry of any third candidate, for that matter – will split the vote advantageously for the reeve.

The theory makes sense.

Reid is a strong personality and like any strong personality, she is polarizing. The October election is a referendum on her leadership and the community is divided into two distinct camps; pro-Reid and anti-Reid.

These groups are already firmly established and little that happens during the election campaign is likely to change that.

Reid has a base. At a certain point, she has a floor of support through which she will not sink.

Therefore, every additional reeve candidate divides the anti-Reid vote in her favour.

However, that Gall has seen the current term from within closed council sessions could be bad news for the reeve.

Reid is carrying the political baggage of the past three-and-a-half years, the heaviest part of

which is the human resources mess that has unfolded at the township under her watch.

In a two-way race, it's quite possible that Devolin could have beaten her based on the sole virtue that he is not Reid.

The introduction of Gall into the fold means Devolin will have to work harder. He is the only one of the three without council experience. However, this also means he has no record to haunt him.

He's as local as a summer afternoon is long and is an involved community member.

And he's certainly been around politics for a lot of his life, with family members serving in municipal roles and his brother as the riding's popular MP.

Forget Rob Ford, Olivia Chow and John Tory.

The Minden Hills reeve's race is the one to watch.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

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points of view

That rules out volleyball

IF YOU'VE BEEN paying attention to the world of amateur international volleyball – and who hasn't? – you probably know about the issue the Kazakhstani team is currently dealing with.

Apparently, their coach is saying that one of the team's players is simply "too beautiful for volleyball."

The coach says 17-year-old Sabina Altynbekova is distracting to other members of the team, the fans and the sport in general.

This brought back bad memories and reminded me why I had to quit the international Buszkashi circuit.

For those unaware, Buzkashi is the national sport of Afghanistan. In this face-paced game, riders on horse-back vie to grab the headless carcass of a goat while at full gallop. Then they avoid all others, and attempt to carry it across the goal line while being attacked and horse-whipped by a mob of other riders.

I'm not sure why it hasn't caught on in North America yet.

In any case, I was considered too beautiful for this sport.

Well, that might be a bit of an exaggeration. But there were complaints that I bore a passing resemblance to some of the better looking goat carcasses or the horses' asses, which is a real compliment in that part of the world. The culminating incident happened when I got off my horse and was picked up by a farsighted rider who carried me to the goal line.

The point is I get it. I understand how looks can get in the way.

I looked at newspaper photos of this young woman – and, yes, she would never be allowed near a Buzkashi field. She is very good looking, smart, and skilled at volleyball.

But distracting? No.

At least not in the way I was during my hay day. (Editor's note: I am

actually referring to the day when it was my turn to feed the horses.)

Besides, even if she is distracting, that's not her issue. The coach, the fans and the sport should get a grip. Good looking athletes abound.

In fact, if I was her coach, instead of complaining I would use the distraction for the benefit of my team. That's what my Buzkashi team mates used to do.

Whenever the signal to race for the headless goat was about to go off, one of them would

yell, "Hey, is that the infidel in the manure pile?"

Sometimes, particularly if I was struggling to get out, this would give them the edge they needed.

Also, correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't sport supposed to be all about supporting those on your team? No matter how beautiful or talented?



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

On the flip side, this good looking young woman could turn it down a notch. She might try something as simple as growing out her armpit hair so that others on her team will be more comfortable with her. Or maybe she might want to buy a set of those fake hillbilly teeth and wear them during the big games.

That way, they'll be looking past her looks and towards her ability.

The bottom line is that I would hate to see a blossoming sports career ended by such superficial issues.

I'm forever haunted by what could have been. I mean, with the right agent, I could have made almost three figures playing in the Buzkashi big leagues.

Then again, it's a very rough sport and only the lucky ones survive for very long. Those guys have horse shoes . . .

Call it an occupational hazard.

Going down the road

WHEN IT COMES to hypocrisy, I deserve a gold medal. For example, if only you will listen to me, I will deliver a stern lecture on the wickedness of buying oatmeal in Oshawa.

Why would you leave the county to buy something you could so easily buy here? Or so I rant. When I am done, I get in the pickup truck I bought in Lindsay and The Brown Dog Jiggs and I drive off into the sunset.

Why would you take dollars and therefore jobs out of Haliburton when you make your purchases? Like pickup trucks, for example. That gives me pause.

In a moment, I think up an excuse. I have had a romance with the same brand since long before I took up full-time residence on Sapsucker Ridge. I would buy my brand here, if only somebody would sell it to me. Lindsay is the closest I could get.

The words sound feeble even as they dribble from my lips, though they are not as mealy-mouthed as the justifications I hear for monthly grocery-buying expeditions to some big-box store to the south of us.

There's money to be saved, I hear,

but I wonder how much, really. How much after you factor in the cost of driving there, of buying the coolers to lug the grub back home. Do you assign a value to the time it took you to drive there and back?

Fair is fair. Some big-box adventures were passing through Oshawa anyway, so the trip cost them nothing extra. For most of the rest it is part of an outing, an escape. Grocery savings pay for the gas that took you south for a visit with old friends or an afternoon on the town.

You might even use the trip to shop for non-grocery items, for things you can't get in Haliburton, to spend the day mall-trawling, fishing for bargains. There might even be time to have your dealer service your pickup truck. Consider the grocery savings a subsidy.

Trouble is, all the dollars you spend on oatmeal in Oshawa or linguini in Lindsay are dollars not spent in Haliburton. It's happening enough that grocers can't help noticing.

Trusting research done by other folks, supermarket prices really are

higher in Haliburton. Why wouldn't they be? That's the cost of living off the beaten track. Stores are smaller and more scattered than in the GTA. It costs more to deliver the goods.

When you buy your groceries in Oshawa, you pay for them with your neighbours' jobs. On the drive down, you can contemplate injustice and chat about the plight of the working man.

That big-box store isn't going to pay taxes in Haliburton, pay for the fire trucks or the library, for the plow that clears your road so you can get out to the highway and on to Oshawa.

If ever there is a swimming pool, it will be built without Oshawa's help. Oshawa won't sponsor your daughter's hockey team, buy an ad in the summer-theatre program, or donate a ratchet set to your loonie auction.

When you buy your groceries out of town, you're riding on my back. For even as you buy your oatmeal in Oshawa you know that, in a pinch, you can always top up your supply in Minden if you happen to run out.



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

You know there will be stores back home because of fools like me who do their shopping here and keep the doors open. It's how the free market works. We should all be proud of it.

It's not just groceries, not just Oshawa. You can build a deck with lumber hauled up from Peterborough. If everybody did that, you'd never finish the job. There'd be no place in Minden to buy a pound of nails when you ran out.

Perhaps the effect is marginal for now, but just as we decide on our political future when we cast our ballots, we vote on our county's economic future every time we shop. When we choose out of town, we behave as consumers, not citizens.

It is a selfish way of living. Think of our village economy as though it were a bank account. When we shop here, we make a deposit. When we buy our oatmeal in Oshawa, we make a withdrawal.

A village working together keeps the account in the black, but the free market says it's every man for himself. It's all about me.

We all live in the suburbs now.

Child's play



Marci Mandel

Along the White Trail

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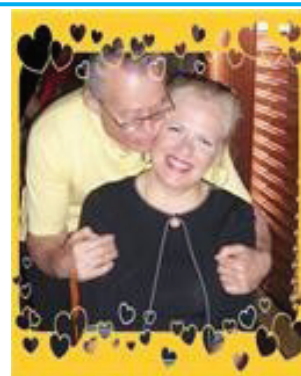
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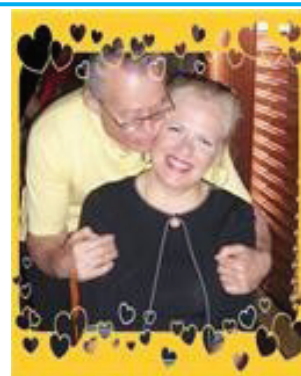
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Gull River travel slowing down

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills township is seeking to lower the speed limit on the Gull River.

The current limit on the water body that winds its way through the township is 16 kilometres per hour.

The municipality will be submitting an application to Transport Canada to lower the maximum speed to nine kilometres per hour.

"This is a concern that has been raised, from what I understand, for a number of years now," Minden Hills Museum curator Darren Levstek told councillors at a July 24 meeting.

Levstek has been acting as interim community services for most of the past year and while he has resigned from that role, he continues to work on the file.

"It's quite complicated and it's quite long," Levstek said of the process.

Councillors Brigitte Gall and Ken Redpath had each brought concerns about the speed limit to Levstek and in April, he met with the councillors as well as reps from associations, including those for the river and Moore Lake.

The OPP and reps from the City of Kawartha Lakes, where the river continues its course, have also been involved in consultations.

Levstek said the concern is two-fold, one issue being erosion along the river's shores.

This erosion, he said, is caused not only by the rise and fall

of water levels in the Trent-Severn Waterway system, but also by the wakes of passing boats.

"These wakes are hitting the sides, they're eroding the shores, trees are falling in as a result," Levstek said.

The second issue is safety concerning the speed itself.

With passing vessels and residents using the river for a variety of recreational activities, "there are some concerns... that something might happen," Levstek said.

The application will focus on the safety aspect since proving that erosion is taking place as a result of boats would require studies and visits from government agencies, which could require substantial time.

Applications for changes to waterway speeds are accepted annually each September and Levstek is aiming to submit the township's this fall.

"The OPP have already decided they think this is a just cause," Levstek said, explaining the local police were supportive of the application.

He said there would be further consultation with the OPP as well as reps from the City of Kawartha Lakes, and that he believed the council in the municipality to the county's south was looking at making the same reduction to the portion of the river within its jurisdiction.

A somewhat ironic twist, Levstek said, is that the limit of 16 kilometres per hour came through a municipal request in the 1980s.

Under law, waterways with a width of less than 60 metres are automatically given a speed limit of 10 kilometres per hour.

HCPL's Celebrity Reader

Michael Fay discusses Making Decisions When Your Life Depends On It by Anje Bruch-Hilkers

This month's Celebrity Reader is Michael Fay from Minden.

Making Decisions When Your Life Depends On It is written by Algonquin Highlands resident, Anje Bruch-Hilkers. Written after she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010, the book is a series of essays written as she underwent treatment. As part of the Algonquin Highlands Writers' circle, she attended regular meetings as she wrote about her experience with cancer. Michael was introduced to the book by his wife, Fay, who attended the formal launch of the book in June.

"I devoured it," says Michael. "I'm a cancer survivor and always look for fine reading material."

Elegant and engaging, Michael describes Bruch-Hilkers' book as "a quick and easy read and anyone in a fam-

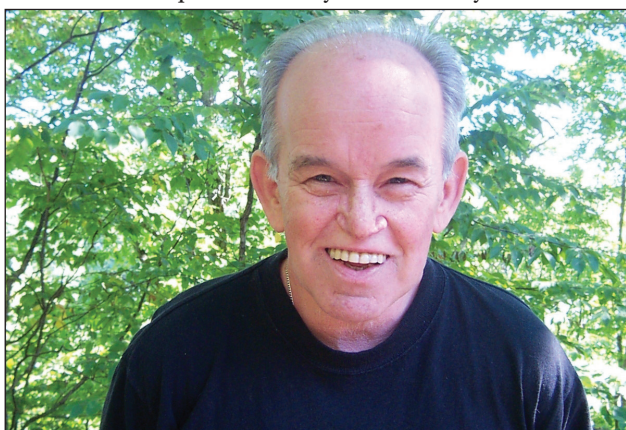
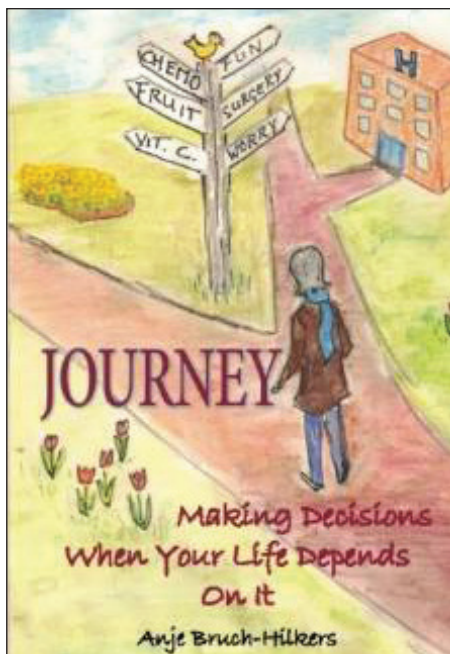
ily faced with a 'frightening' diagnosis would benefit, likely marking passages, filling the margins with notes, jamming Post-it throughout."

"However, the journey is described in all the wild, chaotic rush involved in a cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Anje zeroes in on the perfect strategy to deal with the journey that more and more families face."

Fay, an author himself, found a shared experience between one of the essays from Bruch-Hilkers' journey, and a story that he has published. "Coincidentally, there is a beautiful and brief memory in the book about the author as a young girl in a children's ward of a hospital, with one of the patients facing imminent death. This is the plot of *The Healer*, one of my digital long form stories."

Thank-you, Michael, for being this month's Celebrity Reader! *Making Decisions When Your Life Depends On It* by Anje Bruch-Hilkers is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library. As well, Michael Fay's story, *The Healer*, is available as an e-book through our Overdrive platform accessible at www.haliburtonlibrary.ca.



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Hole-in-one
Dave Millington scored a hole-in-one at Minden's Beaverbrook Golf Course on July 13. It's the fifth he's scored since the 1970s, with the fourth just weeks before on June 28 at Muskoka's Diamond in the Ruff course. Dave's wife Barb is also an ace, having scored a hole-in-one in Minden a couple of years ago.

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County considers paved shoulders for cyclists

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton County's roads could gradually become more bicycle-friendly, with the municipality planning to include shoulder treatment in its ongoing roads projects.

At a July 23 council meeting, roads director Doug Ray told councillors he'd been in consultation with members of the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition.

"The cycling coalition wants all roads with paved shoulders," Ray told councillors, indicating the most logical course was to treat shoulders when roads were being reconstructed as part of the municipality's 10-year work plan. "When we surface-treat the roads, we normally surface-treat the shoulders," Ray said.

Surface-treated roads would get surface-treated shoulders and asphalt-paved roads asphalt-paved shoulders.

"Based on current asphalt prices, a paved shoulder width of 1.2 metres and a reduction for crushed gravel, it costs about \$24,000 for one kilometre of roadway to pave the shoulders."

While a technical bike lane must be 1.5 metres wide, "not many county roads would support that," Ray said, short of moving ditches.

Twenty-two kilometres of work on County Road 1 (Gelert Road) is scheduled between 2016 and 2018. County Road 2 (Deep Bay Road) will receive new surface treatment in 2019.

Work on County Road 3 (Glamorgan Road) will take place in 2020 and 2022.

Other county roads that have prioritized by the cycling coalition that will see reconstruc-

tion work as part of the 10-year plan include Haliburton Lake Road, South Lake Road, County Road 503 and County Road 648.

Indicating she was not trying to pick a fight, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Mofatt asked, "Are we taking direction from the cycling coalition?"

Ray said he was just taking the recommendations into account, adding that cyclists are supposed to ride on the travelled portion of the road, not the shoulder.

Councillors accepted his report, which included cost estimates for the various roads projects, for information.

According to local health promoter Sue Shikaze, the Ministry of Transportation is creating action plans to introduce #CycleOn, the Ontario cycling strategy it introduced last year, and there may be infrastructure funding available specifically for active transportation and cycling projects.

A report on paved shoulders on rural roads provided by Shikaze lists several benefits, including increased safety for cyclists and motorists and better structural support.

Shikaze said the number of Ontarians who ride bikes is growing, up to 36 per cent from 28 per cent in 2012.



The cycling coalition wants all roads with paved shoulders

— Doug Ray, County Roads Director

New electronic records system coming for Haliburton County paramedics

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Haliburton County Paramedic Service will be getting a new electronic patient care record system.

At a July 23 county council meeting, emergency services director Craig Jones recommended the municipality switch from its current electronic records provider ZOLL to the iMedic system from Interdev Technologies Inc.

Jones told councillors the system would offer a number of improvements, including an automated auditing system, which would save time and reduce errors.

Currently, when a paramedic fills out a patient form, it must be audited by the chief or a deputy-chief.

"This program does all that electronically," Jones said, explaining it lessens potential for human error. "At the end of the day, [the existing system] opens us to liability because we could have a deviation from protocol that's not discovered until six months later."

For example, the program might ask why a certain medication is being used.

"We learn better when we make a mistake when it is in real time," Jones said.

iMedic also offers a module for tracking response times by category (sudden cardiac arrest, etc.) which the paramedic

service is required to submit to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

"Interdev developed a canned business intelligence dashboard which will indicate exactly how HCPS is doing with respect to response times for each category we are required to report on," Jones wrote in a report to council. "This dashboard can easily be copied and pasted into a report to be submitted to the MOHLTC."

The report indicated that clients of ZOLL have been asking for such a module.

"This has been consistently requested for four years now," Jones's report read. "ZOLL has not been able to provide any client in Ontario with a functional dashboard."

ZOLL's main market is the U.S., whereas Interdev is focused on Ontario.

According to Jones's report, a number of area municipalities are using iMedic, including the City of Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough.

iMedic is offered in gold and platinum packages, with the latter containing more services.

Jones told council the county could do an 18-month trial of the premium package for approximately \$15,000, which is the annual cost of the gold package and equivalent to the current annual cost of services from ZOLL.

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Featured Menu Items



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Staff reporter

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Elizabeth Carrell stands with her acrylic painting, *Come Ashore*, which won first place in the art work section at the Minden and District Horticultural Society's 35th annual Flower Show from July 25 to 26 at the Minden Community Centre. Carrell, who is one of the founders of the society recently won first place with this painting at the Ontario Horticultural Association annual 2014 Convention. There were 130 people who attended the Minden event that included 332 entries from 41 exhibitors.



Flowers: top left, Minden's Barb Ballantyne won best in show with her begonias at the Minden and District Horticultural Society 35th annual Flower Show.

Middle, First place winner Anica Sabel earned the nod with her hosta leaves for class 45 in section B.

Bottom left, Minden's Pauline Plooard won first place in the class A section 34 with her hollyhock.

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Darren Lum**

Planting seeds for the future

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Compared to other years the Minden and District Horticultural Society's Flower Show's attendance was down, however, its strong youth participation means the show has a bright future.

With 130 people that came to the Minden Community Centre, the two-day event (from July 25 to July 26) had 15 more junior entries than last year.

Co-president Mary Jane Irwin said the junior boon is related to the society's Junior Youth Program, which is part of the society's mandate to educate, run in partnership with Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Students start in Grade 3 growing plants at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. They are eligible to become a society member for \$1.

Cole Hamilton won for high points while

Taryn Provenzano had the best junior entry. The show included 32 exhibitors who had 294 entries for the adult division.

The winner of high points overall was Mary Jane Irwin while best in show went to Barb Ballantyne, who defended her title from last year, and Gus Janca captured the winner of new exhibitor.

One of the society's founders, Elizabeth Carrell, (who recently returned from the Ontario Horticultural Association annual 2014 Convention in Cornwall as a winner with her acrylic painting, *Come Ashore*) won first place in the artwork section.

This year's show had a music theme, as categories and classes were named after songs, two volunteer musicians played live music and the venue was decorated with instruments and music note paper cut-outs for the walls.

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Now is the time for growth

To the Editor,

What has been done in the last three and a half years to develop business in Minden? Next to nothing. The plan to build a Canadian Tire in Minden began several years ago. Reeve Reid recognized the involvement of the former reeves at the sod turning; however, she took all the credit for the store at the grand opening. A real turn around.

Our reeve needs to think outside the box. She claims infrastructure is not in place to attract large business. Why not try to attract head offices of large corporations. Their employees could easily work here, labour is cheaper and Haliburton County is a great place to live and raise a family.

We presently have other manufacturing companies here eg: Carriage House, Limberlost, Riverview Furniture, Chaulk Woodworking, Johnston Quarry, and close by Heatline. Subway and Taco Del Mar Eastern and Northern regional head office is also located here. These companies appear to be successful and

able to work within the current infrastructure! Why not others?

We also have had several stores open recently in vacant locations on Bobcaygeon Road. This is excellent, however, as far as I know, these businesses were opened without any effort from the township despite claims from our reeve. She fails to mention these new businesses replaced others which had closed.

Instead of attempting to change the town why isn't our reeve looking for growth of business. And where are all the grants? It seems they are all going to other municipalities who are obviously applying for them.

Now is the time for growth, not a time to say the infrastructure cannot support new business and suggest growth is unlikely (as per our mindenhills.ca website). Please tell me when our reeve is going to do something positive instead of spending all her time and effort changing staff.

Bill Robinson
Minden Hills

Irondale ball tournament organizers should be commended

To the Editor,

I am writing because there is a small wonderful in our beautiful Haliburton Highlands that I think gets overlooked. I am a firm believer of giving credit where it is due, so that is why I am writing this letter. Every year in June my family looks forward to our call from Chris about the annual Irondale ball tournament, and every year we go and have the best time and that is for a number of reasons. We love baseball and when you play in Irondale it is fun, it is competitive (not in a bad way) and inexpensive. We stay all day long, Saturday and Sunday. We play ball, we play horseshoes, we chat with people we have known forever and only get to see once a year and there is always a great story hear under the tent.

Every single person that runs this tournament has a job and they do it without question

and and perfectly and never leave the full days in the heat, rain or whatever is thrown at them.

Chris, Cheryl-Ann, George, Glenda, Fred, Carol, Barry, Maxine, Jean, Jane, Anne Marie, Ruth. Those are names I know but there are probably a number of others that are working hard and smiling all the time. They keep the days running smoothly. They keep us hydrated and our tummies full. They do this for the fun of the game and to keep their community hall and surrounding area well maintained and I think everyone should know the heart and commitment that this community shows. I wouldn't miss this weekend for anything and all the teams that come feel the same. Well done community of Irondale. You rock! See you all next year.

Tammy Craig, Owen Smith and the "We've Got the Runs Ball Team"



Make It Minden goes to the farm

Above, a round of applause was paid to Highlands cottager Zoe Timberlake, 8, after she completed the Farm Family Fun obstacle course on Wednesday, July 23 at the Minden Mercantile and Feed Co. Inc. in Minden. This event drew throngs of people and was facilitated by the members of the Haliburton County Farmers Association and the Haliburton County Fair Board to promote the upcoming 150th anniversary of the Haliburton County Fair from Aug. 15 to 16. The event was part of the Make It Minden series of summer events. Contact Lynda Litwin at 705-457-8511 or lynda@lyndalitwin.ca for future events.

Middle, Ethan Smith-Garvey, 8, of Toronto, who was visiting grandparents, was doing his best during the Farm Family Fun obstacle course. Bottom, Minden's James Adams steadies himself before placing "feed" into the chickens bucket during the Farm Family Fun obstacle course – a mock exercise of farm duties. Darren Lum Staff



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Coleman to fill key MH staffing role



Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Mark Coleman has been director of parks, rec and trails with Algonquin Highlands for nearly 12 years. On Aug. 18, he will become community services director for Minden Hills.

/Photo submitted

Minden Hills has a new community services director and his name will be familiar to many county residents.

Mark Coleman has been park, rec and trails director with Algonquin Highlands township of the past 11 and half years.

He will start his new role Aug. 18.

"For personal, professional advancement, for myself and for my family," Coleman told the paper about this decision to make the change.

He'd been looking at the Minden Hills opportunity, gradually getting more serious about it, and recently went for a couple of interviews.

Minden Hills has been without a community services director since former director Janette Loveys resigned last fall after eight months for a job in Welland.

Her predecessor was Rick Cox, who resigned from the township after five years in the summer of 2012 and is now the parks and rec director for the Town of Tillsonburg.

Minden Hills Museum curator Darren Levstek acted as interim director for nine months.

Coleman is proud of a number of accomplishments with Algonquin Highlands.

"Certainly the water trails is the biggest one," he said. "It was a huge accomplishment for everyone involved."

A system of waterways, portages, trails and campsites, the establishment of the Algonquin Highlands Water Trails was a years' long process that began in the early 2000s.

In 2007, Coleman received the Peter J. Marshall Award for innovation from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for his work on the project.

A skilled grant-writer, Coleman is also pleased with the diversity and large number of grants he was able to secure for the township during his tenure.

He's looking forward to hitting the ground in Minden Hills and bringing stability to staffing and operations.

"Obviously, the arena is big on the forefront for the municipality," Coleman said.

The S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Minden Hills Community Centre require some \$2.5 million worth of work.

An inspection of the facility by consultants earlier this year identified a number of issues, including a brine leak in the distribution system and the dressing room ventilation system not meeting code.

There are also electrical and masonry issues.

Coleman looks forward to enhancing community collaboration, maintaining all-important relationships with community groups and to department heads having strategic planning meetings with councillors once the township's new council is in place.

"I hope to contribute as much in Minden Hills as I've been able to contribute in Algonquin Highlands," he said.

Councillor Brigitte Gall looks after the community services portfolio.

"As someone who has worked within the county, and who's familiar with our community and staff, we're very fortunate to have Mark come on board with the municipality," Gall told the paper. "As a member of council, I'm very happy to say 'welcome aboard!'"

"Mark has been a terrific leader in the development of too many initiatives to list and we thank him for his dedication and seemingly endless capacity for new projects," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt wrote of Coleman on her Facebook page.

Algonquin Highlands is seeking a new park, rec and trails director.

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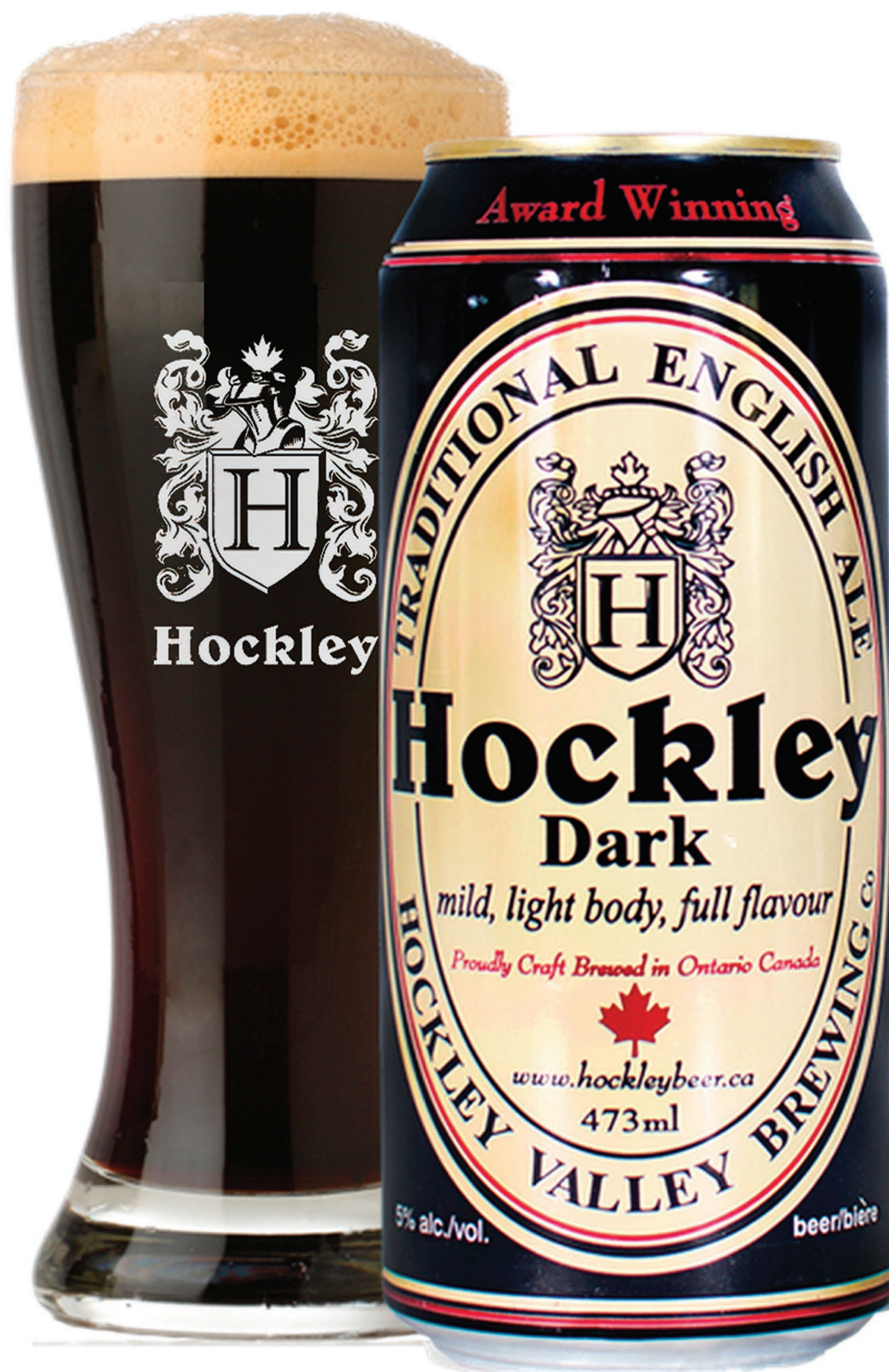
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Above, Anglican church members line up for a delicious lunch.

Left, Lyndsie and Tess, best friends forever. Lyndsie, left, now lives in Niagara, back for a visit with grandma.

Perfect time for a church picnic

The three congregations of the Anglican Parish of Minden (St. Paul's in Minden, St. Peters in Maple Lake and St. James in Kinmount) get together every year for a picnic and fun day. It's been a tradition for many years, since the parish was put together more than half a century ago. This year's event was on Sunday, July 27.

The event was originally scheduled for the Austin Sawmill Park in Kinmount, but bad weather forced the church to move the picnic to the St. James church. Close to 50 parishioners from the three churches participated, under the guidance of the Reverend Joan Cavanaugh. St. James' Peoples Warden Jim Vidoczky and others made special efforts to accommodate and feed everyone. The day cleared up enough later to allow some outdoor activities. After a barbecue lunch, some participants ventured outdoors to join in. The children and even some adults enjoyed ladderball and other games.

Photos by Glenn Springer

Journey for Health quickly approaching

Patti Fleury

Around the Town

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Here at the old farmhouse it is good to be back home after a pleasant stay with long time friends at their Gravenhurst area cottage. This pilgrimage has been a yearly tradition going back many years and one always eagerly anticipated by our young children. Now there are just we four seniors but still lots to talk about. Part of our trip down memory lane was the Thursday night show at the Gravenhurst Opera House an energetic performance titled *Stand by Me* by a quartet of singers all of whom had been members of the Nylons. They sang tunes from the '50s and '60s written at the Brill building in New York City which became hits with major stars including Elvis. The Brill building was apparently famous for the talent who rented cubicles at a reasonable rate there to compose their music in a shared creative environment.

The Kinmount Seniors will be holding their annual yard sale this Saturday, Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Railway Station with a rain date of Sunday, Aug. 3. This is a good time to combine a visit to the Kinmount Farmers' Market open every Saturday and browse the yard sale treasures.

There is a new service available here in Kinmount with monthly foot care offered on the first Thursday of every month by Sabina Henderson. She will be located at the Kinmount and District Health Centre and to book an appointment with Sabina please call her directly at 705-488-2205.

Friends of the Kinmount Library will be holding two book sales in August adding an additional one this Saturday, Aug. 2 during the usual hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The regular event will be on the usual third Saturday of the month Aug. 16. Book sales are located on the lower level of the branch and offer great bargains for your summer reads. Donations of good books both hard cover and paperback are always welcome but please no magazines or textbooks. For information on the variety of programs at this

Branch call 705-488-3199.

The date for the 16th annual Journey for Health sponsored by the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation is fast approaching. On Sunday, Aug. 10, rain or shine, participants will register at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park at 9 a.m. then walk/cycle/run from 9 to 11 a.m. to raise funds in support of medical and office equipment upgrades necessary for the provision of quality health care at the Kinmount and District Health Centre. The run will be followed by lunch supplied by the doctors and staff of the Health Centre and Kawartha Dairy along with the awarding of prizes. Bottled water and oranges will be available along the route courtesy of Kinmount Fresh Mart and Gateway General Store and Cafe. A special note of appreciation goes to Khosrow Eskhour owner of the Kinmount Pharmacy located on the lower level of the Health Centre who once again will match the participant who raises the most funds to a maximum of \$1,500. If you cannot participate directly but would like to a sponsor someone please call Hazel at 705-488-2333 or Joyce at 705-488-2687. They would be glad to hear from you.

Nominations for the Kinmount and District Lions Club's 2014 Citizen of the Year are due by Aug 15. This annual honour is presented to someone from the Kinmount area who has served their community or organization with dedication helping to make Kinmount a better place. Please direct your written nomination along with supporting details to the Citizen of the Year Committee at Box 166, Kinmount, Ontario K0M 2A0. The summer draw for the club has a great list of prizes with the Grand Prize a sculpted park bench featuring bear cubs on the side carved by Walter VanderWindt from the Carving Gallery in Moore falls valued at \$1,400. Tickets are in stores or available from any Club member.

For information on the Wednesday morning craft classes for children during August at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace from 10 to 11:30 a.m. please call 705-488-2938. To register for the Crystal Lake Triathlon coming up on Sunday, Aug. 24 please go to www.crystallakecottagers.ca but note that registration closes on Aug. 9.

Until next week.....



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Devon Feeney, 9, left, and Devon Plooard, both of Toronto, climb during the Naturally Kids Discovery Day Camp at the Kinark Outdoor Centre outside Carnarvon.



Children tackle the climbing wall during the Naturally Kids Discovery Day Camp on Tuesday, July 22 at the Kinark Outdoor Centre outside Carnarvon. Facilitated by Out to Learn, the weeklong summer camp encourages children between six and 12 to explore nature and provides adventure programming such as rock climbing. There were 18 children who participated last week. See www.outtolearn.ca for this and other programs.

Hitting the wall with Out to Learn



Summer, 2014
Minden, by the river, Fridays at 7:00pm

The Minden Lions Club has funded Music by the Gull for the past 21 years; the Highlands Wind Symphony has overseen booking and emcees. Again this summer, we invite folks of all ages to attend an exciting series of open-air concerts by the river in Minden, every Friday evening starting at 7:00 pm, and continuing until dusk. Bring a lawn chair and sit back to enjoy a remarkable range of local musical offerings under the open skies by the river near the bridge.

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Josh Zeman, 9, of Barrie, left, receives some weaving help from Devon Feeney, 9, of Toronto.



A child weaves during the Naturally Kids Discovery Day Camp on Tuesday, July 22

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2014 Summer Free Family Events in Minden

Programs start at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday July 30 Minden Merchant Sidewalk Sale

Starting at 10 A.M. and going through to 8 P.M. head to downtown Minden and look for the savings of the day. Enjoy the festival feel with music and look for the best bargain you can find.

Thursday, July 31 Haliburton Highlands Time Travelers 6:30 P.M.

Meet the members of the Haliburton Highlands Time Travelers as they proudly show off their antique auto club. Check out the cars from various generations including some more recent muscle cars. Conveniently hosted at Kawartha Dairy on Highway 35 in Minden.

Upcoming Events

Wed. July 30 —Minden Merchant Sidewalk Sale

Thurs. July 31 - Haliburton Time Travelers at Kawartha Dairy

Wed. August 6 — Prepare for Festival of the August Moon at Wild Swan B&B on the front yard. *Volunteers needed.*

Tues. August 12 — Meet the Minden Fire Fighters, EMS and OPP

Thurs. August 17 - Haliburton Time Travelers at Kawartha Dairy

Wed. August 20 — Minden Merchant Sidewalk Sale

Wed. August 27 — Camp Out Downtown Girl Guide Program in the Village Green

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No hating on this Hamlet

Zach Cox
Staff reporter

Although the 15th season of the Highlands Summer Festival is drawing to a close, there has been no let-up in the barrage of quality theater performances, as evidenced by the fifth and final play of the season, *I Hate Hamlet*.

Andrew Rally seems to have it all. He is a famous Hollywood actor on a television series, he has commercial deals, he is dating a wealthy and beautiful young lady, he just recently moved into the famous John Barrymore's former New York apartment and he has been selected to play the part of Hamlet in a Central Park production of Shakespeare's famous play. Except, Rally doesn't really have it all. His show has been cancelled, his girlfriend refuses to sleep with him, he doesn't want the lavish New York apartment and he sure as heck doesn't want to portray Hamlet in the not-for-profit park production.

Things take a supernatural turn when the ghost of Barrymore shows up in the apartment proclaiming that it is his duty, as someone who has previously taken up the part of Hamlet, to coach Rally on the performance. Adventures and misadventures follow as Rally fights Barrymore, both verbally and with rapiers. Rally fights internally as well, struggling with the decision of whether to play the part of Hamlet or to call it quits in New York and head back to L.A. in pursuit of another television spot. While Barrymore asks Rally whether he is an actor or a lunchbox, Rally's producer friend Gary Peter Lefkowitz is adamant that art is not done, it's bought and that commercials are the epitome of modern

entertainment.

With the pressure coming from both sides, Rally works to find the proper path and ends up learning a bit about what it means to be an actor along the way.

The dramatic comedy, written in 1991 by Paul Rudnick and with Heather Davies directing the production for the Highlands Summer Festival, is overflowing with charm and wit, largely due to the fact that each of the actors is charming and witty. The dynamic between the characters on stage is electric, with Maureen James as Rally's lavish agent Lillian Troy, Christine Jonas-Simpson as real-estate broker Felicia Dantine, Tom Regina playing the part of Lefkowitz and Amy Leis as Rally's pure but somewhat unpredictable girlfriend, Deidre McDavey. Rally is played by the vibrant Chris Mayo and his stellar performance complemented perfectly by Tim Nicholson's uncanny ability to portray the larger-than-life Barrymore.

Exciting fight choreography and engaging dialogue keep the production lively, and the beautiful set and on-point cue calls bring it all together. Hating *Hamlet* has never been more fun.

I Hate Hamlet opened on Monday, July 28 and runs through until Friday, Aug. 1, as well as returning for three days the following week; Tuesday, Aug. 5, Wednesday, Aug. 6, and Thursday, Aug. 7 at 8 p.m. each evening. To purchase tickets, visit the Summer Festival's website at highlandssummerfestival.on.ca or by calling the toll-free box office number: 1-855-457-9933.

Whether or not you despise Shakespeare's longest play, *I Hate Hamlet* is a production you're likely to enjoy.



Farron Main Special to the Times

Top, actress Amy Leis playing as Deidre McDavey, tries to convince Andrew Rally, played by Chris Mayo, to accept the role of Hamlet during rehearsals of *I Hate Hamlet* at the Northern Light Performing Arts Pavilion.

Above, caught in romance, Deidre McDavey (Leis) and Andrew Rally (Mayo), embrace as lovers after reciting lines from *Romeo and Juliet*. Unsurprisingly, many references to works by Shakespeare are scattered throughout the production of *I Hate Hamlet*.

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The Minden Church Mouse heard that ... a pastor's days are often filled with good and bad news scenarios.

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Bad News: The vote passed by 31-30.

Good News: The pastor-parish relations committee accepted your job description the way you wrote it.

Bad News: They were so inspired by it that they asked the bishop to send a new minister capable of filling the position.

Good News: The trustees finally voted to add more church parking.

Bad News: They are going to blacktop the front lawn of the parsonage.

Good News: Church attendance rose dramatically the last three weeks.

Bad News: You were on vacation.

See what I mean?

The Minden Church Mouse also heard Rev. Ron say that ... The well-known (at least in Christian circles) mega-church pastor, Bill Hybels, once stated that "the local church is the hope of the world." I couldn't agree more with his sentiments about the importance of the Church in everyday life.

In 2007 Highland Lakes Community Church (HLCC) was birthed with the prayer that it would become the hope of the residents living in the great town of Minden, in our little corner of the world!

The home page of our church's website contains the phrase: "Planted for the times, rooted in the world". What we intend to communicate by this is that the church must always be the church (that is, it can't morph into a club or some other nominal group or organization whose ways of operating may be contrary to the Bible's teachings).

That being said, the church must remember that it cannot simply exist within the vacuum of its walls, either. I often remind our people that the "context" of our church isn't quite the sum of its members, but rather, its physical "community," its neighbourhood.

This means that HLCC exists to not only be a spiritual counter culture (opposed to dangerous spiritual ideas and erroneous teachings), but exists to encounter its culture as well. How could we ever make a spiritual difference in the lives of Mindenites if we're unwilling to engage and relate to people outside our church cocoon, where they are? This burden is the engine that drives and steers HLCC's mission and purpose statements (our overall ministry).

In an alternate universe, I suppose people would just flock to church. But that just isn't the case anymore. Therefore, we at HLCC believe that the community of Minden will only be able to see the difference God makes when we allow Him to work in our lives, by our church's willingness to go into our community and rub shoulders with it, by listening to it and serving it. Only then may some people be willing to give God a chance at helping and blessing their relationships, homes, marriages, children, etc.

We believe that the church must be flexible enough to change and even discard "old" methods and ways of doing things that a generation of people in the twenty-first century cannot relate or reconcile itself to—due to an increasingly secularized society and post-Christian worldview. We believe the church must find new and meaningful avenues by which to connect with people, whether they hold to some faith background, are just seeking, or whether they're hardened to Christianity and the Bible — or not.

One could say Highland Lakes Community church exists for people who aren't really into church, but who would possibly consider being a part of a wonderful community of faith, if they could do so, from the

"ground floor."

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We haven't reached all our goals at HLCC, but we are endeavouring to make Minden a better place to live! A number of us were on the front lines during the May 2013 Minden flood, as we partnered with the Samaritans's Purse Relief efforts.

Did you catch us with the orange T's on? Our Bread For Life ministry has been building into lives and has fed hundreds of people for free—for over the past three years; and we continue to support the efforts of Youth Unlimited's afterschool club (Haven) at Archie Stouffer Elementary. We not only meet in a Community Centre for our services, we're also community-centred!

At the very least, HLCC is an environment where you won't feel out of place if you don't wear a tie or a dress to church (jeans and shorts will do)—you can even bring your java to your seat; at the very most, HLCC is a place where you can discover and experience the greatest love ever known to humanity, in the form of the living Christ alive and at work in the hearts and lives of people who've put their belief and trust in Him.

We'll be celebrating all that God has done in our midst for the past seven years, on Sunday August 10 at 10:30am. Consider this your invitation! Our doors are always open...

*-Submitted by Rev. Ron Mahler,
pastoral leader of Highland Lakes Community Church*

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- Friday Aug. 29 12 p.m. – Community Living Theatre performs, followed by a Lunch (St. Paul's)
- Sunday Aug. 31 10:30 a.m. – Labour Day Beef BBQ (Minden Bible Church)

The contents of this monthly column in the *Minden Times* are supplied by:

- Rev. Ron Mahler – Highland Lakes Community Church, 55 Parkside St. (Minden Community Centre) – 705-286-0354 – (Sunday Services 10:30am)
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- Rev. Joan Cavanaugh Clark – St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergor-don St. – 705-286-2541 (Sunday Services/Kids' Club 10:30 a.m. with Holy Eucharist)

-Submitted by Don Ballantyne

Arts, crafts and antiques in Dorset

Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

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Don't miss the concert at the public dock in Dorset on Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to this activity brought to you by the Dorset community partnership group. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the Muskoka Concert Band. Donations to help support are greatly appreciated.

The Dorset Arts, Crafts and Antique Show takes place in the Dorset Parkette this Sunday, Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be lots of beautiful hand crafted items and new this year, unique collectibles from local antique dealers. The Dorset Lions Club will also have a bake sale and barbecue at the show. All on the shores of beautiful Little Trading Bay, Lake of

Bays, Dorset at Hwy. 35 between Main Street and the bridge.

The Dorset Rec Centre will be closed for the civic holiday on Monday, Aug. 4.

The next Dorset Ladies Night is Tuesday, Aug. 12 starting at 7 p.m. and the theme is "Country Western Party". The ladies will be having a country baked bean and biscuit dinner so come with your appetite. Beer (root beer) to quench your thirst and cowboy munchies will also be on tap! The baked beans will be vegetarian and onion free for our cowgirls with special dietary needs. There will be prizes for the best western ensemble (jeans, cowboy hats, boots, western vests, shirts and bandanas) so give it your best shot and if you don't want to dress up that's fine too - you are still welcome to come out and have some fun. Reservations are required. Please RSVP as soon as possible by emailing recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or by calling 705-766-9968. The cost is \$5 per lady - please let your friends know - the more the merrier!

The Dorset Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner takes place on Thursday, Aug. 14 starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for kids six to 12, \$25 for a family of 4 & 5 & under are free. Contact Esther at 705-766-2830 for more information or to reserve.

There will be a community garage sale on Saturday, Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Take advantage of the Recreation centre's great location and rent a table to sell your good used stuff. Fight closet clutter by joining in the fun! Tables are available to rent at \$5 each. Open to all (used stuff only please) first come first serve and space is limited. Tables are going fast! Call 705-766-9968 for more information.

Birthday wishes for July 27 to Aug. 2 go out to Alicia Galloway, Brent Card and Alex Hamilton. Enjoy your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at my home number, 705-766-0076.



County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

July 22 contract bridge at Stanhope: Our interim reporter Muriel McIntosh topped the charts at 6,480 then Mary Johnson 5,970, Vange Croucher 5,430 and Margo Davidson 5,090. Bruce Armstrong was awarded the Lucky Loonie while Frank Schlottter partnered with Muriel McIntosh and the duo of Peter Gardiner and Pearl Foster had Small Slams.

July 22 contract bridge at Minden United Church: The high scoring trio members were Julie Gray 4,980, Dick Schell 4,840 and Jim Taylor 4,300. Thanks to Nancy Ballantyne for her update.

July 22 Minden Seniors at Minden Legion: For the ladies Vi Howell led at 319 then Marcy Morgan 254, Sharon Jarvis 223 and Eileen Shapiera 207. At 303 Marcel Roussel topped the gents followed by Dana Briscoe 245, Ida Young 235 and Tom Grix 226. Jesse Barlow won the major draw with Kevin Maloney, Dana Briscoe and our reporter Betty Wagar claiming the smaller prizes. In the moonshot column Dana Briscoe, Dwaine Lloyd and Tom Grix had singles with Ida Young, Vi Howell and Sharon Jarvis each taking two.

July 23 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/South honours went to Muriel McIntosh and Fran Smith at 63 percent then Ross Fletcher and Nettie Butterworth 61 percent and Tom Davidson partnered with Gord Cochrane 52 percent. Over in East/West Andrea Iceruk and Jane Krangle led at 70 percent with Tom and Dorothy Howat tied with Bill Bain and Brian Gray at 56 percent.

July 23 bid euchre at Stanhope: Pink honours went to Joy Wilson 303, Penny Elliott 289 and our reporter Linda Lambert 277 with Bill Bain tops for the gents at 293 then Pat Scadden 265 and Al McMullen 256. Moonshots landed on Bob Montgomery, Linda Lambert, Al McMullen, Pat Scadden and Bill Bain [3].

July 24 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Theresa Deak 321, Pat Roussel 281, Betty Wagar 265 and Vi Howell 253. First for the gents at 275 was Marcel Roussel followed by Karen Chapman 261, Pat Dickson and Dorothy McElwain tied at 257 and Karin Harrison 221. Bev Johnson also reports that Archie Ross claimed the special prize, Eileen Gough won for call 1 and Karen Chapman took the only moonshot.

July 24 euchre at Minden Legion: May Bradbury reports that Bev Johnson and Tom Orr held the most lone hands with Pearl Cowen and John Deak posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Jesse Barlow and Marie with Pearl Cowen and Chery O'Dell taking home the other prizes.

July 25 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: At 58 percent Diana Spicer and Muriel McIntosh led in North/South followed by Ev Morgan and Reet Morgan 56 percent and Nancy Jackson partnered with Helen Baker 53 percent. East/West honours went to Fran and Norm Smith 59 percent, Owen and Yvonne Jackson 58.8 percent and Vange Crouched partnered with Gord Cochrane 58.3 percent. Muriel reminds that there will not be any bridge at Echo Hills on August 15th due to a sold out Barbara Seagrum presentation.


July 25 bid euchre at Club 35: For the gents top marks went to Pat Marshall 292, Peter Farr 249 and Al McMullen 211 while Mary Lou Dealy led the ladies at 269 then Marion Farr 260 and Marg Oetelaar 229. Clara Miscio held the hidden score with Al McMullen claiming the only moonshot as everyone helped our interim reporter Garth Windsor celebrate his birthday.

July 26 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Karen Chapman 263, Vi Howell 247, Jean Randell 235 and Theresa Deak 229. First for the gents at 326 was Jason Peacock then Archie Ross 246, Ron Morrison 213 and Tom Grix 211. Archie Ross won the special prize while Bev Johnson, Jason Peacock and Marcel Roussel took the moonshots. Congratulations to our reporter Albert Foster and his family as they welcomed a fifth great-grandchild with the arrival of Nolan James Frybort born on July 26 at Peterborough.

July 28 bid euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Annah Buxcey and Marion Stickwood with Ellen Holden and Lorna Hicks posting the high scores. The afternoon's lows went to Gwen Cox and Don Blakey while Pearl Cowen held the hidden score and Sue Grant won the special prize. Thanks to Tim Sharpe for this news.

July 28 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was our reporter Sherin Brown with Bev Johnson taking the prize for both lone hands and the special and Shirley Howe for low hands.

July 28 euchre at Club 35: Most lone hands honours went to Marion Farr with Mary Pipher and our reporter Garth Windsor recording the high scores. The evening's lows went to Estelle Morrill and Clara Miscio who also won the baloney.



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Thank you all for your donations to the Bald for the Building campaign. The total reached \$5,110, an excellent

kick-off to getting new flooring in the clubroom. Special kudos to Wendy Bolt for the inspiration and for having her head shaved for the cause. As soon as we have received the flooring quotes, we will announce the target for the next stage.

General Membership Meeting Wed Aug. 6 at 7:30p.m. This is one of the few events which is restricted to members of Branch 636 who have a 2014 card. If you are only here at the cottage during the summer months, please make a special effort to come and hear what is planned. Next year's Early Bird campaign will be starting soon, so if your card still says 2013, renew now.

We'd like to recognize Barb Flynn, one of our many volunteers. Our hanging flowers have been looking fantastic since she took over caring for them. We are seeking a member with finance or bookkeeping background to complete the year as treasurer. The Ways & Means Committee also needs another person for one Wednesday Meat Draw per month. If you can help your Branch in either of these areas, please talk to the President or leave your name and phone number with the bar steward.

The next "Junk in the Trunk" sale is happening Saturday, Aug. 23, from 9 to 2. Reserve your spot for \$10 by calling the Branch at 705-286-4541. Clear out your garage, your basement or spare room of those extra treasures and trinkets. Sell whatever you can pack into the space from your trunk, or trailer, or truck, at the Legion parking lot on Hwy 35 at the Haliburton turnoff. You keep your profit, pay just for the spot and we take care of the rest!

August also recognizes the anniversary of the start of the First World War. One name on our County Cairn, and also on the Vimy Memorial, is James Arthur Bishop. Born in Dysart Twp and the eldest of 11 children of Frank Bishop and Georgiana Ferguson, James was killed on 3 May 1917, just over a year after he enlisted. Lest We Forget.

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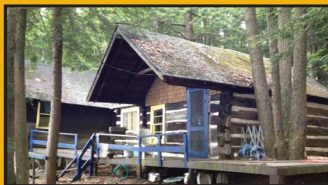
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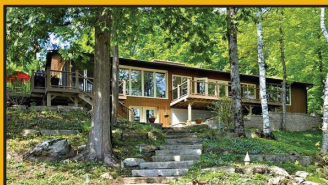
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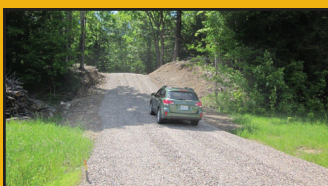
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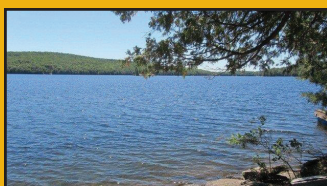
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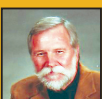
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